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THE GULF VIEW

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BOARD MEETING

Next meeting: To Be Determined

Jane Guy is interested in forming a Widow's Support Group and asks that those interested contact her at 941-492-4960.

Birthdays

May 13—Ruth Reaves (90th)
May 14—Bill Bevan
May 17—Mark Mueller
May 18—Michele Rosenquist
May 22—Donna Byron
May 25—Fred Baker
May 26—Jo DiFrancesca
May 30—Norbert Theriault (80th)

Editorial Commentary

Eric Martell, Editor

The sun is once again helping us relearn the lesson we've already mastered: It's hot in Florida in the spring and summer. We've been fortunate that the weather pattern has been somewhat cooler than normal for this time of year. Not-so-much-so for our friends and relatives who live up north, however. Our friends in Minnesota are still fighting snow.

So, how about that pandemic? Huh? Not so much 'pan' here in our neck of the woods. Some people have gotten sick, but not many deaths in Sarasota County to date. It seems that Mr. Sun is our friend after all. In addition to boosting our immune systems by creating vitamin D, the sun's light destroys the SARS-CoV-2 virus quickly. I've read that a virus particle won't last more than 45 seconds outside in the direct sun.

It seems that the most severely affected people are those that are elderly (that's a lot of us), overweight (check that one off too), and stay indoors a lot (we can rectify that easily by sitting on the lanai). I've been sunbathing so much that when my grandkids saw me on a video computer call, they didn't recognize me! Ha! I figure that I'll deal with the sun-caused skin issues later. Right now, a strong immune system is what I want. I've been taking lots of vitamin C also.

The fact is, there are things we can do, besides wearing masks and hiding inside. Isolation leads to depression and while I'm at it, stop watching the fear porn on TV. It doesn't help either. We've been socializing with people on our daily walks, although maybe standing a little farther apart than before. It's good to get out and talk to people.

I'm going to be rude here about masks. If your underwear and pants don't stop the odor from flatulence, do you really believe that a mask is going to keep out even smaller virus particles? Masks are designed to catch droplets when you cough or sneeze. They won't stop all virus particles. They've now determined that the eyes are a prime site for infection, so what are we supposed to do? Blindfold ourselves? My point is, we need to apply a little common sense. We don't worry about the annual flu like this and this disease is proving to be less deadly for most people, so calm down.

Helping your neighbors in our small community is a good idea. You can do this safely with a little preparation and care. We're gradually getting through this and things are moving back to a more normal state. Most of the fear is the responsibility of the media and is not warranted in real life. Your neighbors may be your best resource, so don't cut them off.

Submitting news items: I encourage you to submit news items that may be of interest to our community via Email: GulfViewEstatesNews@gmail.com or Eric's Phone: 407-947-3617—phone is best for *urgent issues*.

Board Business

May 2020

The April Board meeting was canceled and subsequent meetings will be held as can be arranged in accordance with current national emergency restrictions.

Meanwhile, the Board members are doing their best to ensure that our community remains a desirable place to live.

The community EC&Rs are still in effect and will not be placed in abeyance due to the pandemic.

Emergencies: Please call the Sarasota Sheriff at **941-316-1201 (non-emergency number)** or **911 (emergencies only)**. Please note that the Board members are not emergency personnel. Do not call them with emergencies.

Street pavement condition is an ongoing problem that the Street Committee is tracking. We collected 152 of the street petitions that went out with the last newsletter. That's a response rate of 41%. Please consider dropping a petition in the wooden box beside the bulletin board. Every response will help.

We have decided to hold the petitions until later in the year under the assumption that county management has more on its plate than it can deal with at this time. The good news is that the petitions don't expire and will be useful later.

The Mail Box that was knocked down on Roosevelt has received full approval for replacement. The new mailbox should be installed very soon.

As a reminder: Rental property owners must comply with the E, C & R docs. Short-term and VRBO rentals are not allowed. Minimum rental period is 3 months. Only one rental per 12 month period is allowed. Rental property must be kept up to community standards.

Note: Any property rented for less than 6 months is required to pay Florida Resort tax per state law.

Dealing with EC&R violations: If you notice a condition that is not in line with the EC&Rs, please notify our community manager, **Brian Rivenbark at 941-870-3375**. Brian is the contact point for this sort of thing.

Gulf View Estates is controlled by the Florida statutes and our recorded Covenants and Restrictions.

The Florida Statutes for Home Owners Associations are the rules that govern the scope of authority and operating procedures for all Florida HOAs.

Reference: [Http://www.leg.state.fl.us/statutes](http://www.leg.state.fl.us/statutes) Title XL Chapter 720 Homeowner's Associations

Important Notice!

The Board of Directors has decided to begin strictly enforcing Article 3 Paragraph 6 of the EC&Rs. Some people are ignoring it and creating safety hazards.

The article states that there will be no parking on the street from 11PM — 6AM and no parking on the grass, even if it's your own lawn.

The board will immediately begin assessing fines of \$100.00 per occurrence for violations. These will accrue to the homeowner responsible.

Park in your drive after 11PM—that goes for your guests as well.

Sample Letter to our County Commissioner

(Mail to the address below or email to this address: chines@scgov.net)

March 31, 2020

Charles D. Hines, Esq.
Sarasota County Commissioner
1560 Ringling Blvd.
Sarasota, FL 34236

Dear Mr. Hines:

I am a resident of District 5 in Sarasota County and live in Gulf View Estates in Venice.

My neighborhood is quite close to the site for a proposed 7-11 gas station and carwash at the NW corner of SR-776 and Manasota Beach Road. I am not in favor of this proposed use.

I'm writing to ask you to please not approve this commercial development for the following reasons:

1. It is already difficult to get out of Gulf View Estates at certain times of the day. This station will increase the traffic in the immediate vicinity of the Gulf View Estates access onto SR-776.
2. There is no sewer available to the proposed location and the combined waste from the gas pumps and carwash shouldn't be discharged into a septic system that will ultimately drain into the area groundwater.
3. Manasota Beach Road is a narrow road with no shoulders. It is already difficult for residents to use. Gas station traffic will make it more so.
4. Changing zoning for this use could adversely impact area property values. Changing the zoning to CN—walkable neighborhood implies that one could walk to the facility. The area traffic prohibits that. Walking in the area is definitely unsafe.
5. Adverse environmental effects. The area environment is sensitive and a gas station's noise and fumes will contribute to environmental deterioration.
6. There are gas stations within two miles of the site with enough capacity to handle the demand (both current and future).

Thank you for your attention to this matter and my concerns.

Sincerely,

Home Owners Board Notices

- No Feeding Wild Animals—Raccoons & Birds have been causing problems in some areas
- No Garbage, including lawn waste & fruit to be thrown in ponds
- Front Entrance Volunteers needed to help Rich Delco
- E, C & R Compliance issues: If you receive a letter regarding a violation, ***your first step should be to respond.*** You can save yourself a fine.
- Respect your neighbor's lawn—No parking on the grass, including along the pond.

Community Calendar of Events

All events suspended until further notice.

Email Newsletter Delivery

We are not currently delivering paper copies, although a paper copy will be posted on the community bulletin board.

If you would like a copy of the newsletter delivered to you via email, please email your request to GulfViewEstatesNews@gmail.com.

Thanks!

Eric Martell

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